

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 13, 16 and 19-54 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 19-22 are amended. Claims 3, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, and 18 were previously canceled. Applicants submit that no new matter is added by the claim amendments.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance mailed on August 6, 2009 indicating the claims of the instant application are allowable. The Applicants submit the amendments to the claims to further clarify the claims. These amendments do not introduce matter which would require further search and/or consideration.

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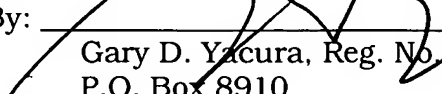
CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejection has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,
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